

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2460 – SB 2614

February 14, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education to encourage each local education agency (LEA) to include specialized curriculum guidelines on recycling for different grade levels. Each LEA is encouraged to adopt a recycling program for LEA administrative offices.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

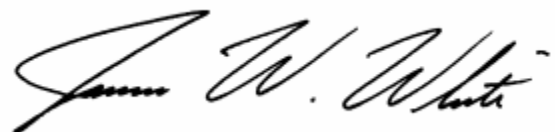
Increase State Expenditures - \$29,000 One-Time
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- One-time costs of approximately \$29,000 to the Department of Education for training LEA representatives. This estimate includes the cost of a consultant to develop the training materials, the use of existing department staff to conduct the training, staff travel, meeting space, and substitute teachers who would fill in for those teachers who were in training classes.
- Training on the curriculum would occur regionally with approximately 200 LEA representatives who would then train staff at the local level.
- Curriculum from the Tennessee Solid Waste Education Program and Project Learning Tree can be adapted for use by the LEAs at minimal cost.
- Since LEAs are encouraged but not required to recycle, the increase in local government expenditures would depend on the number of LEAs which choose to participate and what recycling options, if any, are available in the community. Such school systems could incur costs associated with establishing and maintaining such a program; however, such costs are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director